In both the standards, a candidate who obtains 60 per cent. of the aggregate marks may be considered to have passed the examination.

CHAPTER XIV.

**Rules regarding the admission of Military Officers to the Political Department of the Government of Bombay.*

I. For the future all applications by Military Officers for political employ should be submitted officially through the proper channels with information in the forms A and B published herewith. Such applications will be considered in the Political Department, and the candidate will be duly informed, through the Military authorities, whether his name has or has not been registered. Officers are not eligible for appointment to the Political Department, until they have passed all the prescribed examinations for admission to the Indian Army. The name of an accepted candidate for the Political Department will be removed from the list if he obtains any other permanent extra regimental employ, *e.g.*, in the Political Department of the Government of India or in the Military Accounts Department.

II. The names of officers with more than four† years' service will be struck off the existing list of candidates. In future names will ordinarily be removed from the list when the candidate completes four† years' Army service or attains the age of 25 years.

III. In making selections much weight will be given to linguistic attainments, especially in the languages marginally cited.

Marathi, Gujaráti and Arabic.

IV. A Military Officer selected for the Political Department, Bombay, will be posted to an appointment in that Department, but his employment in the Department will be regarded as probationary for a period of two years, during which he will be required to pass the tests prescribed below—

A.—An examination in the Vernacular of the Agency to which he is posted identical with that prescribed for Assistant Collectors, *vide* Rules 22, 23 and 24, Chapter I, Section I.

B.—An examination in Judicial and Political subjects similar to the Lower Standard Departmental Examination prescribed for Assistant Collectors.

The scheme will be as follows:—

Judicial.

		Marks.
1.	(*a*) Judicial questions to be answered with books ...	100
	(*b*) Judicial questions on the following Acts to be answered without books:—	100
	The Indian Penal Code as amended.	
	The Code of Criminal Procedure as amended.	
	The Evidence Act as amended.	
	The Indian Contract Act, 1872, as amended.	
	The Indian Arms Act, 1878, and the rules under that Act.	
	The Foreign Jurisdiction and Extradition Act, 1879, and the rules under that Act.	
	The European Vagrancy Act, 1874, as amended.	
	The Indian Railway Act.	
	The Telegraph Act as amended.	
		Marks.
2.	Markby's Elements of Law	100

Political.

3. In place of the Revenue part of the Departmental Examination for Covenanted Civilians the candidate will be required —

* Government Resolution, Political Department, No. 2199, dated 26th March 1909.

† *Vide* Government Resolution, Political Department, No. 4896, dated the 23rd July 1910.

		Marks
(*a*)	To answer a general paper in Aitchison's Treaties of the Bombay Presidency with special reference to the Agency in which he is serving and to the historical chapter of Cambell's *Gazetteer* of that Agency, or in the case of Aden to any Account selected by the candidate and approved by the Resident.	75
(*b*)	To draw up a report, with his conclusions thereon, upon a case placed before the candidate who will be allowed to consult any treaties, laws, or books of reference that are required.	75
4.	A paper will be set in Lee-Warner's "The Native States of India" (Macmillan & Co.).	100

The papers in those subjects which are not prescribed for the Civil Service Departmental Examination will be set by the Secretary or Under Secretary to Government, Political Department, and in other subjects the papers will be those set for the Lower Standard of the Departmental Examination for Assistant Collectors. In each of the four groups of subjects to which marks are assigned under Judicial and Political in the above scheme the candidate must obtain 50 per cent. of the total number of marks assigned and 60 per cent. of the aggregate marks for all subjects in order to pass. Candidates obtaining 80 per cent. of the total and 50 per cent. in each minor head will be passed with credit.

V. All officers who join the Political Department in gazetted appointments are to be considered as probationers until they have passed the exmination as above prescribed ; and any officer who fails to pass the Political Departmental Examination within two years after his appointment will *ipso facto* lose his appointment and his services will be immediately replaced at the disposal of the Military authorities.

* V. (*a*) During the period of an officer's probation, reports on his work and general suitability for the Political Department will be submitted once every six months by the Political Officer under whom he is serving. Should an officer marry during this period, he will ordinarily revert to military duty.

VI. No officer will be confirmed in the Department, unless, in addition to passing the examinations as above prescribed, his retention is recommended by the senior Political authority under whom he has been serving, in terms and on grounds which are accepted as sufficient by the Government of Bombay in the Political Department.

VII. A Junior Political Officer who has passed in one vernacular language shall, on being moved to an Agency in the vernacular language of which he has not passed, be liable to pass in the vernacular language of the new Agency within two years after joining his appointment, and on his failing so to do a deduction of 10 per cent. will be made from his salary until he passes or is removed to an Agency the vernacular of which is different. "Junior Political Officer" in this rule means an officer with less than 10 years' service in the Political Department at the time of his transfer to a new Agency.

VIII. Political Officers who have passed before the Civil and Military Examination Committee an examination in any language shall not be required under these rules to undergo any re-examination in the same language by an equivalent or inferior standard.

IX. Any officer of the Political Department desirous of being examined in Judicial and Political subjects according to the above rules will submit an application for leave to appear before the Permanent Committee for Departmental Examinations in June or December through his superior officer before such date as will be notified in the *Government Gazette* from time to time.

X. Nothing in the present rules is intended to interfere in any way with the absolute discretion of the Governor in Council to select for political employ, without reference to age or length of service, any officer whom he may consider specially qualified therefor.

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* *Vide* Government Resolution, Political Department, No. 1647 dated 22nd February 1912.

Information to be supplied by a Military candidate for Political employ.

1. Name and profession of father ...	1.
2. Date of candidate's birth	2.
3. Where educated	3.
4. Language qualifications, stating degree of proficiency and examinations (if any) passed in each.	4.
5. Brief statement of how and where Army service has been passed.	5.
6. Particulars as to any active service in the field.	6.
7. Whether married or single.	7.
8. Names of any near relatives who have served or are serving in India.	8.
9. Names of persons, other than immediate Military superiors, who can testify to character and qualifications.	9.

B

Information to be supplied by the Officers Commanding ——— Regiment respecting Lieutenant ———, an applicant for Political employ.

(This form should be forwarded through the proper channel for transmission with remarks to the Secretary to Government, Political Department, Bombay.)

1. How long have you been acquainted with Lieutenant———?	1.
*2. Would you recommend him for the appointment of Adjutant?	2.
*3. Do you consider him suited for Staff employ?	3.
*4. Is he popular—	4.
(*a*) with his brother British Officers and in Society generally?	(*a*)
(*b*) with the Native ranks?	(*b*)
*5. Do you consider that he shows tact in dealing with natives of India?	5.
6. Give the Medical Officer's opinion respecting his physique and general health.	6.
7. Is he of active habits and proficient in field sports?	7
8. Is he a good, bad or indifferent horseman?	8
*9. Do you consider him to be in general ability above, up to, or under the average of his rank and service?	9.
10. Has Lieutenant———in any way specially distinguished himself?	10.
11. Add any general remarks you may have to offer in respect to his ability, character, &c.	11.

* It will be convenient if reasons are given for the replies to these questions, which should be answered in some detail.